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SECURE FREIGHT AND MEGAPORTS INITIATIVE

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¶1. The Government of India (GOI) has declined the proposed visit of a team from the Department of Energy (National Nuclear Security Administration) and Department of Homeland Security (Bureau of Customs and Border Protection) to discuss the Secure Freight Initiative (SFI) and Megaports Initiative.

The Ministry of External Affairs has conveyed that the proposed dates of August 3-6 (Ref A) will not be convenient, and added they will respond to the SFI and Megaports Initiative proposals at a later date. The full response follows.

Dear Robin,

During recent official interaction with senior US Government officials, GOI was requested to consider receiving a US delegation from 3-6 August 2009 to discuss the Megaports/SFI proposals with GOI officials.

This proposal has been considered and I am directed to convey that it would not be convenient for GOI to receive the USG delegation. We will revert on the proposal at a later date.

Regards,

Vani

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